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RAISE WALL

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Survey finds Metro's rainwater harvesting infra in shambles pre-monsoon, with broken downpipes, trash-filled pits, damaged underground storage tanks

WATERPILLAR

RWH system spans across 156 pillars from MG Road to Baiyappanahalli

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The Rainwater Harvesting (RWH) structure set up by Bangalore Metro Rail Corporation along the Metro pillars is not fully equipped to receive rainfall-runoff this monsoon, a survey has revealed.

The survey was conducted by Actionaid Association, along with a team of eight students from St Joseph's College of Law.

According to the survey, BMRC's RWH system which spans across 156 pillars from MG Road station to Baiyappanahalli station needs immediate attention.

While some of the downpipes to collect rainwater through via ducts and into the underground tanks were found to be broken, many smaller pits were filled with trash and a few storage tanks were damaged.

"The structure is about 10 years old. We wanted to get an idea if it was being maintained. Since there was no information available on the current status of the structure, we decided to inspect and understand how prepared the metro pillars are to harvest the 2022 monsoon rain,"

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"We have requested that the quantity of rainwater harvested and groundwater level changes along the metro line be made available in public domain."

— Raghavendra B Pachhapur, ActionAid Association.

Trash Landing

Solid Waste Management Company to finally kick start operations in Bengaluru



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After dilly-dallying for six months, the Bengaluru Solid Waste Management Company Limited is all set to begin operations.

BBMP special commissioner for solid waste management Dr Harish Kumar said, "Both Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) and Government of Karnataka have tied up to create this new company; this is first-of-its kind initiative in the country. Though the firm was set up six months ago, it was suffering from many teething issues. The company had made an unsuccessful attempt of calling tenders for waste collection in all the 198 wards earlier and there were no participants in 98 wards. So, now on June 8, the company's board will finalise the project of calling for fresh tenders."

BBMP which is currently managing waste will now see a restricted role of sweeping the streets. The new company will be entrusted with the following works - firstly, the new company will oversee collection and transportation (C and T) of waste. "Our contractors will collect household and roadside waste (primary collection). Secondly, we will transport them to tertiary plants and thirdly there will be scientific processing of waste (as per the BBMP's Solid Waste Management Rules, 2016), besides landfill management. Currently, some of the landfills are defunct

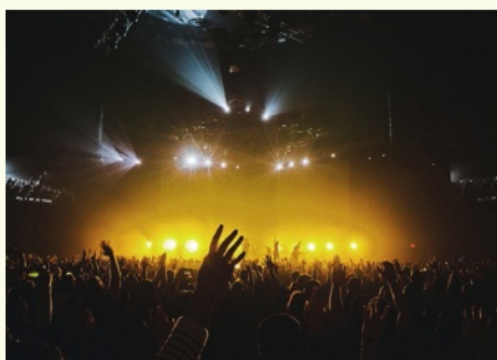
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3 THINGS TO DO



01 All about coffee

Maverick & Farmer and Bare Necessities is organising an afternoon of conversations over coffee. Join in as founders of the brands come together with like-minded individuals to connect over coffee, ponder over the trash problem and discuss zero waste hacks, tips and tricks. The session ends with a fun workshop on how to make coffee scrub, using coffee waste. Two lucky winners will get a gift hamper from Maverick & Farmer and Bare Necessities. **Where:** Gangadhar Chetty Road, Halasuru; **When:** June 11, 3pm - 4pm **Register:** Rs 500, barenessities.in/products/lets-brew-together-sustainably



02 Soulmate is here!

Shillong-based blues band, Soulmate, are set to go live. The band is back on stage for the first time since the pandemic started and are kicking off their 'Summer of Love' tour presented by John Jacobs. Widely regarded as one of the best live acts in the country, the band has represented India on international platforms as well. Soulmate is credited with reviving the Blues Rock phenomenon in India and having created a demand for the genre. **Where:** Fandom at Gilly's Redefined, Koramangala; **When:** June 9

03 Laugh out loud

Indian Institute of Cartoonists is organising an exhibition of cartoons and exclusive sketches of Bengaluru places drawn by noted cartoonist



Mr EP Unny. In this exhibition along with his punch packed cartoons, his exclusive sketches of Bengaluru will be displayed at the cartoon gallery. He will also have an interactive session with the public. **Where:** Indian Institute of Cartoonists, MG Road; **When:** Till June 21, 10am - 6pm (Sundays closed)

Yoga to help breathe out classroom blues

Schools turn to meditation and yoga sessions to help students adapt to classroom learning after two years and improve their concentration

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Change, no matter how constant, is never easy. After more than two years of a pandemic, students are returning to classrooms, and to help students destress, drive away fatigue and improve their concentration, several schools are turning to yoga for help.

Schools say, over the last two years, children have experienced high-stress levels and have been living a sedentary lifestyle.

Their attention span has also shortened due to an increase in screen time exposure. The yoga sessions are being organized to help children get back to their routine.

"We are also noticing hyperactivity, especially among older children. The yoga and meditation sessions have a calming effect. They are able to pay more attention," said Kiran Prasad, principal, Vidya Vaibhav Public School.

Schools are conducting frequent yoga and meditation sessions for the children after they have rejoined offline sessions.

"Things have changed a lot for them after the pandemic. They have forgotten how to be attentive during a 40-minute-long class. They also seem to be facing issues in controlling their anxiety level. We are conducting weekly sessions to help them cope with these issues, so they perform well academically," MN Natesh Kumar, principal of Gurukul International School.

While some schools started



Yoga helps reduce anxiety and increases a sense of calm in students, say teachers

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— MN Natesh Kumar, Principal, Gurukul International School

with virtual yoga sessions during online classes owing to frequent lockdowns, they are planning to start physical classes too, now that kids are back on the campuses.

"During the pandemic, we ran virtual yoga sessions for students and parents as part of our community connect. As schools have reopened, we will bring back yoga as part of our physical activity. We have noticed that these sessions sync the mind and body," said Ayesha Sirajuddin, Head of South Campuses, Ekya

Schools, Bengaluru.

The sessions, according to the schools, are helping children relax, regulate their emotions, and instill positive energy.

"We have special yoga instructors who help the students practice yoga ritually. Yoga also has the power to enhance discipline and concentration in children. Before exams, we also conduct special yoga classes to improve the children's concentration as well as to calm their exam fears. This is done through meditations and specific asanas,"

said Niru Agarwal, Trustee, Greenwood High.

While the effect of yoga and mindfulness activities is visible, the learning gap created by the pandemic is holding schools back from organising these sessions more frequently.

"We are currently conducting yoga and meditation sessions once in two weeks. These sessions are turning out to be more fruitful as children have been physically inactive too. While we want to increase the frequency of these sessions, academics is our concern.

"As offline classes have begun, we are noticing big learning gaps and thus our teachers are conducting additional academic sessions and bridge programs for the students," added Prasad.

Learn-O-Day: Mock tests on June 11, 12

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Learn-o-Day Season 2, a free 21-day CET coaching programme by Dayananda Sagar University, has announced a mock test series to be held on June 11 and 12.

Learn-O-Day Season 2 commenced on May 21 with an orientation class, which was followed by online sessions for



physics, chemistry, maths, and biology. "More than 1,000+ students registered for the first two sessions and attended the sessions for all PCMB subjects. The sessions were based on new teaching methodologies from recognised experts, which helped them in conceptualising the themes and honing skills required to ace exams such



as CET, NEET, JEE, COMEDK, and others," said an official.

The university has announced the last and third week session which commenced from June 4. This will focus on the important topics in PCMB subjects. There will also be mock test paper discussions by the faculty for different PCMB subjects. On June 10, at 12:30 pm, there will be a conclusion program for university vice-chancellor.

Officials said that the mock tests were helpful to crack the competitive exams. "At the end of the third week of the Learn-O-Day program, we are keeping two mock tests, which is an important practice test, to help the students self-evaluate which will boost their confidence to perform better in the main exam. The first test will be held on June 11 (10am to 12pm) and second test on June 12 (3pm to 5pm). The new students who want to join this series can log on to <https://dsuedu.in/MOCKCE>," said an official.

Finding Leo: No trace of dog beaten up, thrown off building

Accused bundled up stray and took him off somewhere; caretaker and her neighbours conduct search

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A few animal activists and members of the Society of Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (SPCA) are on the lookout for a four-year-old Indie dog named Leo, who was beaten to a pulp with a wooden log and hurled from the second floor of a building where its caretaker lived. The incident happened at the P and T Layout main road last week.

The Kamakshipalya police have registered a case under sections of Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act and have detained the accused identified as Nandish, the son of a domestic help working at a school nearby.

Leo's caretaker, Latha, who stays on the second floor of a residential building called up members of the SPCA and animal activists complaining that a man in her neighbourhood had been beating up a



stray she was taking care of. When Latha asked him why he was hurting the dog, he said the dog has been chasing his mother Shivamma

whenever she walked by on that road. According to a few neighbours, Shivamma also used to pelt the dog with stones, so it has developed an aggression towards her.

Last Tuesday evening, Nandish is said to have come near the building with a branch of a tree and all of a sudden began attacking the dog. The petrified bleeding dog ran up two floors of the building and got into the house of Latha. Nandish followed the dog into the building, entered Latha's house and started beating the dog. "He dragged the dog by its legs and hurled it down from the second floor to the ground," said an eyewitness.

Nandish then rushed down the stairs and picked up the dog and put it in an auto-rickshaw and took it away. While Latha and a few neighbours asked where he was taking the dog, he said he was taking it to a veterinary hospital for treatment.

"Everything was planned by Nandish. He had also tied up a barricade of ropes on the stairs so that the

dog would not enter the stairs, but the dog managed to jump and reach the house of its caretaker. He had also planned that he was going to take the dog after he injured it in an auto-rickshaw that he had brought along with him," the eyewitness added.

Latha called up animal activists she knew, and an SPCA member KB Harish with his colleague rushed to the Kamakshipalya police station and filed a complaint.

Though initially, cops only took up a Non-Cognizable Report (NCR), the SPCA members explained the gravity of the cruelty intent to the animal and the police registered an FIR later on.

"It has been more than a week now, and I know nothing about the whereabouts of Leo and the cops have not even questioned Nandish about it. We do not know whether he killed the dog or abandoned it. If at least the police could trace the dog, we could take it to a hospital for treatment," Latha told SPCA members who are searching locally to trace Leo.

HC asks about action taken to implement Animal Birth Control Rules

The High Court of Karnataka on Monday questioned the authorities regarding measures taken by them to implement the Animal Birth Control (Dogs) Rules, and asked them to report back to it. A Division Bench of Chief Justice Ritu Raj Awasthi and Justice Ashok S Kinagi was hearing a public interest litigation (PIL) filed by Ramesh L Naik, an advocate. The PIL was on the implementation of measures to prevent human-stray dog conflict.

The petition pointed out two specific incidents involving stray dogs - one was the stray dog attack on a four-year-old girl in Athani taluk of Belagavi resulting in the child's death, and the second was the case of Adi Narayana, the grandson of a politician-businessman, who allegedly ran his car over a stray dog on a pavement.

The petition sought strict implementation of Rule 6 and 7 of the Animal Birth Control (Dogs) Rules, 2001 which prescribes methodology for management of the street dog population, eradicating rabies and avoiding man-animal conflict. **PTI**

Masks are back but relax; fines are not

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Marshals may be soon on the roads asking you to 'mask up' though they may not insist that you 'cough up' (a fine). With covid cases spiking in the city, the BBMP has decided to implement the Covid Appropriate Behaviour (CAB). The first step of the CAB is to ensure people mask in public places. However, the collection of fines for not wearing a mask is not still on the cards and action will be limited just to create awareness.

Following a BBMP-level meeting of the zonal commissioners to take stock of the current covid situation, BBMP's Special Commissioner (SWM) Dr Harish Kumar said, "The city is witnessing covid cases in the range of 200-plus. Currently, we are conducting 16,000 tests a day and the Chief Commissioner Tushar Girinath has asked us to increase the testing to 20,000 a day. Besides this, we plan to strengthen the awareness articles where marshalls will be told to create awareness on wearing masks. A zonal-level survey of all the Severe Acute Respiratory Illness (SARI) and

Influenza like Illness (ILI) cases will be done."

Choose the right mask

Meanwhile, health experts are cautioning the people wearing a cloth mask for the sake of wearing it may not do any good. "Most cloth masks are often made of single layer material which offers minimal particle filtration and hence it's not advisable to wear only cloth masks. General public should wear at least a three ply surgical mask. Using a surgical mask with a cloth mask on top of it would be even better. Touch only the bands or ties when putting on and taking off your mask. Wash your hands

TPR close to 2%

The test positivity rate (an indicator of the Covid spread) is close to 2 pc now. As per Monday's health bulletin, 222 out of 230 Covid cases in the State were reported from Bengaluru. The TPR for the state was 1.92 pc while the weekly positivity rate was 1.32% which is an indication of the rising Covid cases. There were no casualties and 203 people were discharged.

before and after touching the mask," said a health expert.

Another doctor added that masks especially, the ones that fit appropriately without causing aerosol to spread, have been of paramount importance during the last two years and still continue to be one of the main pillars of the fight against covid. Currently, the ones that are recommended are FFP2. FFP stands for "filtering face piece". It is a European standard for mask efficiency, ranging from one, the lowest grade, to three, and the highest. FFP2 masks filter at least 94% of all aerosols, including airborne viruses. "With the current strain (Omicron variant) and its infectiousness, it becomes even more pertinent to wear one that has proven efficacy (i.e. reduced risk of aerosol infections by 0.1%). Whereas simple face masks with its single layer can increase the risk significantly."

Don't panic, says CM

Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai said that there was no need to worry as of now. "The Principal Secretary, Health department held a meeting on Monday. A report will be submitted to me in a few days and based on this, we will chalk out our next course of action."

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Drain pain: Raise the wall high, demand citizens

Hebbal Sarovar Layout residents appeal to BBMP to rescue them from overflowing SWD

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An ill-maintained storm water drain adjacent to Hebbal Sarovar Layout is turning out to be a nightmare for residents in the area.

Every monsoon, residents are forced to walk through dirty water that flows onto the road from the drain after heavy rain. And despite eight years of running from pillar to post, their grievances have not been addressed. Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) Storm Water Drain Department engineers have reportedly offered only casual responses to the complaints.

Residents have been asking the BBMP SWD engineers to increase the height of the retaining wall to make it level with the one constructed on the other side of the storm water drain adjacent to a sewage treatment plant (STP) of a private factory. This, they say, will prevent dirty water from escaping to the road and into their homes during monsoon.

"We have been requesting them to construct the retaining wall but in vain," said Gayathri, a resident.

"They increased a small stretch of the retaining wall by two metres but have forgotten about the remaining 100-metre long retaining wall that is on par with the road level," she added, further stating that the authorities concerned are perhaps waiting for someone to fall into the drain before they finally take action.

Vijayalakshmi, a teacher, recalled how one of her students almost fell into the drain while going home after attending tuition classes.

"This stretch has become a waste-dumping destination. Dirty water overflows onto the road. Our water



As the retaining wall of storm water drain in Hebbal Sarovar Layout is low, dirty water overflows to roads

"If we increase the height of the retaining wall, it will be difficult for us to remove silt from the storm water drain. We will fix this after getting a nod from higher-ups"

—BBMP SWD EE Kalleshappa

sumps are not safe either. We spent two days without water recently as we could not use water in the sump. I engaged people to clean our water sump on three occasions. I appeal to the BBMP to do the needful," Vijayalakshmi said.

Another resident Thanuja Kumari said the residents have been struggling for many years.

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"I am not able to invite guests to our home due to the conditions here. Bad odour emanating from the storm water drain and heaps of garbage accumulated on the road has become a nuisance for us. Dirty water from the drain flows into the drain in front of our home. It has become tough for us to cope," said Kumari.

Appealing to the BBMP to fix this issue as early as possible, BV Srinivasan, a resident, said people from the affected area have sent several requests to the BBMP requesting them to increase the height of the storm water drain's retaining wall - a task they have been avoiding on the pretext of 'lack of funds'.

"We are asking the BBMP authorities to increase the height of the 120-metre-long retaining wall by three meters and fence it to avoid flooding of nearby homes and prevent irresponsible people throwing garbage into the drain", said Srinivasan, adding that Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai had promised to allocate Rs 1,500 crore for the development of storm water drains in the city.

BBMP SWD Executive Engineer Kalleshappa said a proposal for the development of the storm water drain has been sent to the higher authorities. "We wanted to fence the drain but the residents want to increase the height of the retaining wall. If we increase the height of the retaining wall, it will be difficult for us to remove silt from the storm water drain. We will fix this problem after receiving a nod from our higher authorities," Kalleshappa said.

BBMP SWD Chief Engineer Lokesh also assured to resolve the problem as early as possible. "I will look into the matter," said Lokesh.

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Pothole problems JP Nagar



Several pits have been dug on the road leading to Udupi Upachar Hotel, in ward number 187, 15th Main, JP Nagar 5th Phase. While pits dug up earlier have not been filled or improperly filled up, new pits are being dug.

Water wastage TV Tower Road



About 500 ft ahead of KC Palace Club a Cauvery water pipe leakage is leading to water wastage. The leakage, from a junction of the footpath beyond the Cantonment underbridge, should be attended to urgently.

Contractor chaos Dasarahalli Road



Contractors have dug up the pedestrian pathway for pipeline work outside Godrej Woodsman on Dasarahalli Road. The workers have left slush and stone slabs on the road outside the under-construction building. Rats are having a gala time and no human can stand here.

Yelahanka apartment residents find a fix for 'black spots'

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Residents of a Yelahanka apartment have found a cure to garbage-laden black spots. They have chosen to plant trees in such an area, making it an eye-opener for people facing the same dilemma. For a long time, residents had to witness garbage being dumped on the road. "We have been highlighting the issue for some time," said Vikas Agarwal, a resident.

"Previously, people would dump waste in this stretch, and when others complained, they started burning it," another resident said. "We have been asking panchayat officials to clear garbage but it was getting delayed. With



Black spot near Yelahanka apartment complex is all cleaned up

the officials failing to come up with a fix, they came to us," said V Selvarajan, President of Prestige Royal Garden Apartment Owners Association.

"One of our solutions was to install CCTVs and track the culprits. Another solution was to make the entire stretch green with trees. Yesterday, the panchayat officials dug up pits, and today they finished planting trees," Selvarajan added.

Around 25 trees have been planted in the 25-metre stretch, with residents also planting some near their apartments. "Since the past year, we have been following up on the issue. When we call BBMP officials, they tell us it's out of their jurisdiction. We also asked our MLA for a solution. Our 1600 residents are unhappy about paying high property taxes and yet suffering from black spots," Selvarajan further said. Speaking about the initiative, the Panchayat Development Officer said the residents and gram panchayat made it a success.

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A site for sore eyes at green zone in Varthur

After officials declare layout in green zone illegal, owner says he will approach authorities to get it 'converted'

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Despite the state government imposing curbs to prevent the mushrooming of illegal layouts, several continue to suffer losses after investing in such dud sites.

According to sources in the revenue department, there are more than 6,000 illegal layouts developed in Bengaluru Urban District. Recently, Revenue Minister R Ashoka said that he could not tame the land mafia in Bengaluru. As if to prove the minister's inability, development of illegal layouts continues near Varthur in Mahadevapura Assembly constituency.

The illegal layout is being developed in a Green Zone area meant for agriculture and it has become a hurdle for farmers to carry out agricultural activities.

"The land developer encroached on the approach road to my land. With increasing the height of the layout, all rain water is flowing into my land from the layout. T

he flow of rain water into my land damaged the vegetable crop. The land developer had promised to construct a compound wall to the layout after leaving sufficient space for me to access my agricultural land



A farmer in Varthur claims the land developer has encroached on the approach road to his land

but he did not honour his commitment," said Muniswamy, a farmer from Varthur.

After receiving complaints from farmers and activists, the Bengaluru Urban Deputy Commissioner has declared the layout illegal and uploaded the status of the layout – illegal – on the revenue department website.

Based on a complaint, the Inspector General of Registration has issued a circular to the District Registrar to put registration of sites of the layout on hold and advise the sub-registrars not to register properties of such layout as it is an illegal layout. "Instructions have been given to all sub-registrars not to register properties from this layout for sale, lease, gift or other purposes. If registered, the respective sub-registrars will be responsible for the consequences in future," the Inspector General of Registration said in the circular.

Bengaluru East Tahsildar issued a circular to Sub-Registrars of Varthur, Indiranagar, Shivajinagar, Banaswadi, Bidarahalli, KR Puram, Halasuru and Mahadevapura informing about the illegal layout (Survey No. 113/6) measuring 3 acres and 26 guntas including kharab land of 0.04 guntas at Varthur formed in Green Zone.

"The land owners have encroached on government kharab land and formed the layout illegally. It is against Karnataka Revenue Act. It was confirmed by the local revenue officer. It is hereby informed not to register any kind of documents," said Bengaluru East Tahsildar in the circular.

Chandrasekhar of the Pragathi Residential Layout told Bangalore Mirror that the compound wall was constructed after leaving sufficient space for farmers to access their lands.

On developing the layout with-

“Instructions have been given to all sub-registrars not to register properties from this layout for sale, lease, gift or other purposes

– Inspector General of Registration

out availing permission from the authorities concerned, Chandrasekhar said that he would approach the Deputy Commissioner seeking conversion of the land from the Green Zone to Residential Zone.

"I have made it clear to the customers that registration of sites (sale deeds) will be made only after getting permission to convert the land for residential purposes. Our layout has 77 residential sites and some of the sites were already either booked or bought by buyers," he said.

BENGALURU

Garment unit gutted in Begur

A readymade garment manufacturing unit situated in Begur gutted due to an accidental fire that broke out in the early hours of Monday. Two fire tenders rushed to the spot based on an information provided by a passers-by and put out the fire. Raw material and furniture worth several lakhs got gutted, however no one was injured in the mishap, a senior police officer said.

— BMB

Man held for trying to sell leopard skin

Police on Monday arrested a rowdy sheeter on charges of trading leopard skin in Bengaluru.

The Central Crime Branch (CCB) sleuths seized leopard skin worth Rs 10 lakh. The police have also seized Rs 8,000 worth of ganja (cannabis) from the accused. The Organised Crime Wing of the CCB carried out the swift operation in Bharatinagar police station area following a tip off.

The investigation has revealed that the rowdy sheeter was also a drug peddler. He procured and distributed drugs to young men and women as well as students.

The probe also confirmed that the accused transported and sold leopard skin. The police have lodged a case under NDPS Act and the Wild Life Protection Act against the accused person. The accused is a rowdy sheeter in Bhartnagar police station. There are cases of assault, robbery and drug peddling registered against him. Further investigation is on

— IANS

Sexual assault on step-child: Cop booked

A sub-inspector has been booked for the alleged sexual exploitation of his 13-year-old step-daughter and his wife's sister. The wife of the accused lodged a complaint against him in the JC Nagar police station limits in Bengaluru. The accused has been booked under the provision of the Protection of Children from the Sexual Offences Act (POCSO) and rape charges, police said on Monday. The complainant has also charged that her accused husband had forced her for unnatural sex. The woman first met the accused sub-inspector at a women's police station when she was filing a complaint against her first husband.

The sub-inspector was also there to record his statement in connection with allegations made against him made by his first wife. The two started talking to each other and got married after divorcing their former spouses. The woman said in her complaint that initially, the couple led a harmonious life, but the relationship deteriorated as times passed. The accused is a serving police officer who is deputed in superintendent of police office.

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Bescom pulls the plug on dangerous wires

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To intensify its clamp-down on illegal wire connections in public places, the Bangalore Electricity Supply Company Limited (Bescom) is seeking city-based NGOs and citizens assistance in identifying such spots. People can send pictures of such spots to the electricity utility on WhatsApp. This comes after the electrocution of a man at a bus shelter in Hebbal due to an unattended OFC cable. With monsoon round the corner, Bescom wants to intensify its drive.

"The primary reason for the accident at Hebbal was unauthorised wires being extended from bus shelters. Wear and tear of the advertisement hoardings on top of bus shelters have also exposed the live wire and posed a risk. For the past three weeks, we have been conducting a drive to remove all unauthorised, dead cables, and Internet cables from all public spaces that pose a threat to public safety. As of now, we have recovered 1,46,000 metres of wires. If the public sends us pictures of these spots and shares on Whatsapp, we can re-



Bescom has so far removed 1,46,000 metres of wire lying around in the city

move these unauthorised wires and instruct internet providers to remove their cables," said a senior official from Bescom.

He said that almost every structure overhead has a cable running through. "For the past 15 years, whenever private service providers upgrade the system, they leave the old one right there. Private service providers refrain from taking their cables underground, as they need to seek permission from BBMP. BBMP needs to take stern action

against violators," he added.

Officials added that once all the cables are taken underground, public areas would become safer but the project has not been completed yet.

"In the aftermath of the incident, we have taken a special drive to remove OFC cables, data cables, removing hazardous items dumps near transformers," said Bescom PRO, Arvind Shetty.

Based on instruction from Bescom MD and Director (Technical), the Chief General Manager (CGM)(Operations), ML Nagaraj issued an order to all CEEs, SEEs and EEs of Bescom to get rid of the wires.

Under the special drive, Bescom officials have removed 1,46,281 metres of OFC, 87,665-metre dish cables, 87,007-metre internet data cable and 928 hazardous electrical items by the end of May 2022, said Nagaraj.

Bescom officials have been authorised to lodge complaints against private service operators for the repeated offence of laying cables on electric poles. Officials have been asked to ensure the fixing of the Earth-leakage circuit breaker (ELCB) for public accessible installations like parks, bus shelters, advertisement boards and hoardings.

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I, SRIDEVI GANAPA SURESH W/o SURESH BABU G P residing at S 201, 2nd Floor, Sri Sai Siri, No.202, 4th Cross, 2nd Block, Jayanagar, Bangalore 560011 have changed my name to SREDEVI GANAPA SURESH vide affidavit dated 24.05.2022 sworn before notary B V Nagabhushana, Bangalore.

I, SWATI SURENDRA SINGHVI, W/o, NIPUN BHANSALI residing at A-401, Sumo Sonnet, Kudlu Road, Vinayaka Nagar, Hosapalya, Bangalore 560068 have changed my name to SWATI SINGHVI vide affidavit dated 06.06.2022 sworn before notary B V Nagabhushana, Bangalore.

I, hitherto known as Metternich Ravi Kumar alias M Ravi Kumar S/O M Raghupathi, R/o 170 9th Main, Opp Union Bank Of India, Sector 7 H S R Layout, Bangalore South, Karnataka-560102, have changed my name and shall hereafter be Known as Ravi Mallakunta Kumar

I, Jameel Ahmed Moudy S/o Mohamed Ismail R/a #53, Anjaneya Temple Street, Marappa Garden, Bengaluru-560046 Have Changed My Name to Jameel Ahmed Modu vide affidavit dated 02.06.2022 Sworn Before Notary K Venkateshan, Bangalore

I, Akash Ambade S/O Rajendrarao Ambade born on 15/10/1992 residing at C-205 Sekhar Hyde Park Immadihalli Rd Whitefield-560066, have changed my name to Akash Ambade vide affidavit dated 25/05/2022 at Bengaluru

I, Bharath/Bharath.S S/O, A.R.Sathyanarayana R/o 73,9th Cross,1st main, Maruthi Nagar,Yelahanka, Bengaluru-560064 have changed my name to Bharath Sathyanarayana for all purposes.

I Shobha Ramalingaiah W/O, Ramalingaiah R R/o No.81, Somushree,6th Cross,2nd Stage, Chandra Layout, Vijayanagar, Bengaluru 560040, have changed my name to Shobha C R for all purposes.

I S M Jayaraj R/o 17 Poojappa Layout Gnr Garden Chelekere Bangalore 560043 have changed my minor daughter's name from Tanya to Tanya Jayaraj for all purposes.

I, S M Jayaraj R/o 17 Poojappa Layout Gnr Garden Chelekere Bangalore 560043 have changed my minor daughter's name from Sancia to Sancia J Raj for all purposes.

LOST & FOUND

I, Kalamma W/o. Channappa B. V. R/at No.1314, Kanteerava Studio Main Road, Parimala Nagar Nandini Layout Bangalore-560096 lost the absolute sale deed (No.4749 Date:08.03.1985) of the site no. 10 Old Khatha no. 12-144-22/1-1, (1st book no 3841, pages 159-168 in the year of 1984-85, doc no 4749 dated 8-3-1985) of Documents Old Khatha 12-144-22/1-1, and of Old Site No. 01 and New Site no. 14 in Yelahanka Hobli and complained to Rajajinagar Police Station (0238212/2022) date 04.06.2022 in this regard. If it finds to anybody call: 9632830582 or contact the above address.

LOST: I, A SRINIVAS MURTHY S/o A SACHAR residing at No.3923, SATYA KAMALA 1st cross VHBSC LAYOUT GIRINAGAR 4th Phase near Sita Circle Bangalore 560085 have lost our Original Supplemental Deed issued by Sub Registrar Banashankari bearing No.BSK.1-03455-2013-14 CD NO.BSKD221 dated 27.06.2013 have lost while painting our house on 25.04.2022. If anybody found pls hand over to the nearest police station or Contact: 94487 18969

ನಾರಾಜನಿವರ ಗಮನಕ್ಕಾಗಿ

ನನ್ನ ಕಕ್ಷಿದಾರರ ಇದ್ದಾರೆಯ ಮೇರೆಗೆ, ಏನಂದರೆ, ನನ್ನ ಕಕ್ಷಿದಾರರು ಷೆಡ್ಯೂಲ್ ಸ್ವತ್ತಿನ ಸಂಬಂಧ ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ನಗರ, ಬಸವನಗುಡಿ, ಗಾಂಧಿ ಬಜಾರ್ ಮೇನ್ ದತ್ತಾ ಕಾಂಪ್ಲೆಕ್ಸ್, ನೆಲ ಮಡದಿ, ಮನೆ ನಂ. 186 ರಲ್ಲಿ ವಾಸವಾಗಿರುವ ಶ್ರೀ ವಿ.ಎನ್. ಸೂರ್ಯ ನಾರಾಯಣರಾವ್ ರವರ ಮಗ ಪಾರ್ಥ ಎಸ್ ರಾವ್ ರವರು

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ಸಹಿ/- ಶ್ರೀ ಪಾಲಾಕ್ಷ ವೆಂಕಟರಾಂ ನಂ.645, ಮೊದಲನೇ ಮಡದಿ, ಸೀತಾವಿಲಾಸ ಧತ್ವ, ನಾರಾಯಣರಾಸ್ತಿ ರಸ್ತೆ, ಮೈಸೂರು ಮೊಬೈಲ್ ನಂ. 9448075718

Rainwater harvesting infra needs upkeep

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said Raghavendra B Pachhapur of ActionAid Association.

The BMRL, in 2012, announced that rainwater will be harvested at the metro stations and from between the pillars of the metro tracks. Subsequently, an RWH structure was constructed between MG Road and Baiyappanahalli stations.

The structure consists of underground tanks of 3,000-litre capacity on either side of every second pillar on Reach-1. Each pillar has inbuilt downpipes to collect rainwater from the viaduct and into the underground tanks on the median. Rainwater absorption wells are also provided at every alternative span of the viaduct, covering almost the entire length.

However, the survey recorded that eight hanging pipes around the pillars carrying rainwater were broken, four pits were found to be clogged, seven pits were filled with trash, five water storage tanks were broken and 14 water tank lids were not in place.

"Broken pipes constituting 5% of pillars were not collecting rainwater efficiently. Water tanks were noticed either with lids uncovered or broken, exposing the harvested rainwater to dust and pollution. From a hanging pipe around the pillar, carrying rainwater to the median, water seemed to be flowing out to the road as the soil had become hard and was not letting the water to percolate," added Pachhapur.

To add to that, the association alleged that the pits and duct pipes are not placed uniformly throughout the

stretch. The survey revealed that out of 50 RWH pits, 35 pits are between MG Road-Trinity and Trinity-Halasuru stations. Only three pits were observed between Halasuru and Indiranagar, whereas 12 pits were found between Indiranagar and Swamy Vivekananda Road stations.

"It seems that the majority of the pits are limited to the MG Road area. Very few pits are available beyond Halasuru and are not in good condition. Moreover, out of the 60 duct pipes carrying rainwater from the pillars into the median, 55 were found between Trinity and Halasuru stations and a handful towards the Indiranagar station," said survey team member Sneha M, a student at St Joseph's College of Law.

The association has now written to BMRL and has also reached out to the Urban Development Department with the survey findings demanding an annual rainwater harvest audit to ensure the preparedness of RWH structures for monsoon.

"We have reached out to the Urban Development Department to highlight the urgent need to scrutinise RWH structures of BMRL in both old and new lines, and strengthen it. These structures need maintenance regularly, particularly before the monsoon. We have requested that the quantity of rainwater harvested and test results of groundwater level changes along the metro line be made available in the public domain," added Pachhapur.

When BM reached out to BMRL officials, they said they would look into the issue.

Scene of the trash

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and efforts will be made to reclaim the land by removing the methane gas," Kumar said.

BTM Layout tops

Bengaluru has a population of around 1.3 crore spread over an area of 713 sq km and 29 lakh households. Per capita waste generation from residential houses is pegged at 309 gm and 300 gm in slums. According to BBMP, 58.5% of the waste generated is from households, 49.7% from commercial establishments and 6.8% from street sweeping.

Among the eight zones, maximum waste is generated from the South, followed by East and West; the least waste generated is from Dasarahalli. Constituency-wise, the maximum waste generated is from BTM Layout (close to 6,000 tonnes), followed by Byatarayanapura, Chickpet, Mahadevapura, Chamarajpet, Bommanahalli and the least from Kengeri and Yelahanka. Around 18,500 pourakarmikas have been deputed for the duty with 587 mustering locations. They are aided by 4,646 auto tipplers, 593 compactors, and 27 mechanical sweepers. There are seven wet waste processing plants with a capacity of 1,570 tonnes per day (TPD) processing capacity. Alongside, there are 13 bio methanation plants with 65 TPD processing capacity, one sanitary landfill (3,000 TPD intake capacity) and 164 dry waste collection centres.

Intelligence boost

During the pandemic, the biggest challenge for the civic agency was plugging plastic usage. Kumar said, "Now, we have decided to strengthen our intelligence network. Instead of raiding shops and seizing plastic, we will plug it at source. We will try to stop manufacturing and transportation of plastic."

Missed deadline

Meanwhile, BBMP failed to adhere to the self imposed deadline of making the city pothole-free. Earlier, BBMP chief commissioner Tushar Girinath had said the city's potholes will be filled by Monday. But, now, BBMP officials are blaming the rainfall for the delay. Now, the deadline has been extended for two days though it is unlikely that the potholes will be filled up even by then.

Rs 551 for pothole sqm

BBMP is paying Rs 551 to the company for every square metre of pothole filled. In a submission before the High Court on Monday, the advocate representing the civic body informed that American Technology and Solutions Ltd was given the task of filling potholes which involved mechanised operation.

Chief engineer replaced

BBMP said it has replaced the chief engineer overseeing pothole works after the incumbent BS Prahalad had allegedly assaulted the husband of the managing director of a pothole-filling firm during a meeting. An inquiry is on.



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Bengalureans, time to let go of that extra baggage

IRCTC announces railway passengers have to pay up for more luggage; citizens peeved

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For decades, Indians have chosen train travel over flights simply because of the limitless baggage they can carry. But now, that rule is set to become a thing of the past. The Indian Railway Catering and Tourism Corporation (IRCTC) has come up with a new set of rules which makes it mandatory for passengers travelling by train to pay extra for additional luggage. To carry extra luggage, the passengers will have to reserve their luggage or book an extra space.

According to South Western Railways, passengers can carry luggage weighing 70 kg in AC first class, 50 kg in AC 2-Tier, 40 kg in AC chair car and the sleeper class and 25 kg for 2-class. The minimum charge for luggage is Rs 30.

If the passengers do not book their luggage and are caught carrying extra, they will be penalised and charged six times more than the actual amount.

Dr Anup Dayanand, Chief Commercial Manager, Passenger services, South Western Railways, said, "People usually carry a lot of luggage, and they keep it on the upper berths and reduce the space for other people. If they want to carry extra luggage, then they should pay for it as well. They can reserve their luggage and it will help in carrying the luggage in a systematic way."

In a recent tweet, the Ministry of Railways mentioned that passengers should carry less luggage because 'if there is more luggage, then the joy of the journey will be half'.

However, the people have not taken this decision positively. Ashok



If you do not book your luggage and are caught carrying extra, you will be charged six times the usual

“The toilets are not at all hygienic; there is no one to clean the floor after it gets dirty, so why should I pay extra money to travel with such poor facilities?”

—Ashok S, a resident

S, a resident of Bengaluru, said, "The facilities provided by the railways are not up to the mark. The toilets are not at all hygienic; there is no one to clean the floors after it gets dirty, so why should I pay extra money to travel with such poor facilities?"

"They want to compare them-

selves with air travel, but they are not providing facilities similar to flights."

Some of the passengers feel that before charging extra amount for luggage, the railways should fix the train timings. They are also confused about the reservations that are on the waiting list.

Ashika Nair, an IT professional in Bengaluru, said, "The trains rarely reach the destination on time. Every time I travelled by train; I was delayed."

Athul Matthew, another resident of Bengaluru, said that the poor people usually take the train to carry their luggage to their native.

"If they are levying charges on that as well, travelling will become very expensive for them. Moreover, it is them who should be allowed to carry more luggage than the one's travelling in AC first class."

GST, customs officials arrested for bribery case

The Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) has arrested two superintendents of GST (goods and services tax) and a superintendent with the Customs Department in separate cases of bribery.

The two superintendents were caught demanding and accepting a bribe of Rs 80,000 from a complainant in Ballari, the CBI said in a statement.

Subsequently, searches were carried out on their residential and official premises, the CBI said, adding they would be produced on Tuesday before the jurisdictional court in Bengaluru.



The two officials were caught demanding and accepting a bribe of Rs 80,000 from the complainant in Ballari, both in judicial custody now

Similarly, the CBI arrested a superintendent of customs at Chamarajpet in Bengaluru for demanding and accepting a bribe of Rs 8,500 from a complainant for clearance of shipments imported by the complainant.

"Searches were conducted on the premises of the accused in Bengaluru, which led to recovery of incriminating documents. The arrested accused was produced before the jurisdictional court in Bengaluru and remanded in judicial custody," the CBI said.

—PTI

Putting the cursed weed to good use

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Mention the word hyacinth to any lake activist or environmentalist and you're sure to evoke responses of dread. This plant is notorious for deteriorating water quality in lakes, and environmentalists often call it the cursed weed. But on the occasion of 50th World Environment Day that was on Sunday, the volunteers of Hulimavu Kere Taranga, a non-profit, decided to give this plant a good name. They sent Hulimavu Lake's hyacinth to be converted into handmade paper and other eco-friendly products at Bluecat Paper, manufacturers of tree-free paper, in Peenya Industrial Area.

"The hyacinth weed is a bane for lakes and now, finding a new use for it in the form of eco products is a boon. Making wealth out of waste must be the way forward," said



Sheets of handmade paper made by Bluecat Paper's volunteers

“Hyacinth has 60 per cent cellulose compared to trees (37 per cent cellulose) which is needed to make paper

—Nikhil Reddy, Bluecat Paper

Mithan Subbiah, lead volunteer, Hulimavu Kere Taranga.

The volunteers could not plant saplings as the rejuvenation of Hulimavu Lake is in progress. The BBMP has taken up the rejuvenation of the lake at an estimated cost of Rs 9 crore. If all goes well, the rejuvenation of the water body is expected to finish in a few months.

The volunteers have worked hard to collect this weed. "Now, the BBMP has taken up the rejuvenation of the lake. It is our responsibility to save and protect water bodies," said URS Nayak, a volunteer.

Dimple Poddar, a first-time volunteer, was

very enthusiastic to participate in the programme. "I hope there will be similar events in the future."

Nikhil Reddy of Bluecat Paper said hyacinth weed was the best raw material for making handmade paper. "It has more cellulose than trees. While trees have only 37 percent cellulose, hyacinth has around 60 percent cellulose which is required to make paper. We have already used hyacinth weed to make handmade paper and the results are encouraging. If the BBMP or the State Government comes out with a special package for converting hyacinth into handmade paper, it will be beneficial to handmade paper industries and the water bodies."

Describing hyacinth as a good raw material to make handmade paper and bags, V Ramprasad, co-founder Friends of Lakes said hyacinth in wetlands was good for treating secondary treated water from a sewage treatment plant (STP) before letting it into a water body.

"Its existence in a wetland is useful. If harvested, hyacinth weed can become a raw material for industries and provide employment for many people," said Ramprasad.

RS election: Cross voting fear haunts all parties

There are 6 candidates in the fray for 4 Rajya Sabha seats, but actual fight is for the fourth seat

As the countdown started for the Rajya Sabha elections in Karnataka, the fear of cross voting is haunting all major parties of the state including the ruling BJP. The opposition Congress, regional party JD(S) and BJP in Karnataka are eyeing the fourth seat. There are six candidates in the fray for four Rajya Sabha seats, but the actual fight is for the fourth seat.

The elections are scheduled for June 10 and all three parties are putting their might to win the 4th seat despite shortage of votes. Political heavyweights like Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman, Congress' Jairam Ramesh are in the fray. The BJP has fielded three candidates, and the Congress two. A candidate requires 45 MLAs to sail through.

The ruling BJP enjoys the support of 122 MLAs (including one BSP MLA and an Independent) and it can easily win two seats. The opposition Congress, however, with the support of 70 MLAs (including an Independent) can win only one seat.

The JD(S) with 32 MLAs will need the support of national parties to ensure the win of its Rajya Sabha candidate Kupendra Reddy, the richest candidate in the fray.



Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman comes out with former Chief Minister BS Yediyurappa after filing her nomination papers for Rajya Sabha elections

Given the scenario, cross voting has become inevitable to ensure the victory of the third candidate of the BJP, second candidate of the Congress and the only candidate of the JD(S). It is a challenge for the JD(S) to prevent its MLAs from cross voting.

Former Chief Minister H.D. Kumaraswamy earlier voiced his anger against 4 JD(S) MLAs who questioned the leadership of the party.

However, Kumaraswamy is now maintaining that he is confident that all JD(S) MLAs will support the party candidate. JD(S) with 32 MLAs has emerged as the closest rival to the BJP for the 4th seat. Kupendra Reddy, the JD(S)

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Rajya Sabha candidate has already started meeting the party legislators personally. Kumaraswamy has curtailed his foreign trip and rushed to the state after BJP fielded its third candidate and Congress its second candidate.

The Congress party will have 25 surplus votes but 20 short of winning another Rajya Sabha

seat for its candidate Mansoor Ali Khan. The sources in the party say that they are hopeful of their second candidate's win through second preferential votes and cross-voting by MLAs.

The BJP will have 32 surplus votes after ensuring the win of two of its candidates. BJP's third candidate is Leher Singh Siroya. Former Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa said that he will do all he can to get the third BJP candidate elected to the Rajya Sabha.

The BJP has put Union Tourism Minister G. Kishan Reddy to oversee the polls and made him in-charge. The BJP is organising training for MLAs to ensure that all votes polled are valid. — IANS

Time to send an IAS officer to jail: HC

Court talks tough against govt officers failing to follow its orders

Expressing displeasure that government officials were not following the orders of the High Court, a division bench of the Karnataka HC on Monday made an observation that "it's time an IAS officer is sent to jail". A single-judge bench ordered the state on July 19, 2021 to issue a notification within two months of a draft amendment rules regarding merging Group-C with Group-B jobs in the various municipalities of the state.

An employees association of the Karnataka city municipality workers had filed a contempt petition as the single judge order was not followed. The matter came up for hearing on May 31, 2022 but the state government had failed to issue the notification.

The HC had posted the hearing to June 6 and directed Additional Chief Secretary Rakesh Singh of the Urban Development Department and M S Archana, director of Municipal Administration to be present. On Monday, both the officers were present before the division bench of the court headed by Chief Justice Ritu Raj Awasthi. Additional Advocate General Dhyan Chinnappa informed the court that the draft rules have been framed and notified on June 3. Objections can be filed within 15 days. An affidavit stating this was submitted to the court.

The court recorded the submission and adjourned the case by six weeks. The court also directed that the officers should be present in court on the next date of hearing too. During the hearing on Monday, the court observed that officers were not taking court orders seriously. It was because they were summoned to court that the court order was followed to an extent. The HC said "it is time an IAS officer is sent to jail", as it made no secret of its displeasure about the behaviour of government officers not following court orders. — PTI



IISc researchers develop way to inactivate SARS-CoV-2

The researchers at the Indian Institute of Science (IISc) have developed an alternative mechanism to render viruses like SARS-CoV-2 inactive, the official statement by IISc stated on Monday.

In a study published in Nature Chemical Biology, the researchers report the design of a new class of artificial peptides or miniproteins that can not only block virus entry into our cells but also clump virions (virus particles) together, reducing their ability to infect.

A protein-protein interaction is often like that of a lock and a key. This interaction can be hampered by a lab-made miniprotein that mimics, competes with, and prevents the 'key' from binding to the 'lock', or vice versa.

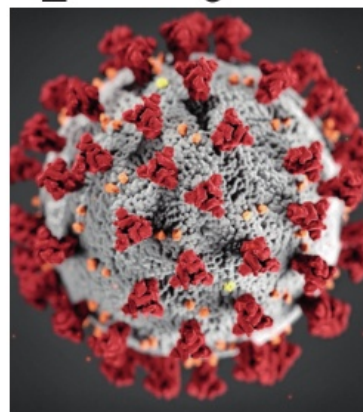
In the new study, the team has exploited this approach to design mini proteins that can bind to, and block the spike protein on the surface of the SARS-CoV-2 virus. This binding was further characterised extensively by

cryo-electron microscopy (cryo-EM) and other biophysical methods.

These miniproteins are helical, hairpin-shaped peptides, each capable of pairing up with another of its kind, forming what is known as a dimer. Each dimeric 'bundle' presents two 'faces' to interact with two target molecules. The researchers hypothesised that the two faces would bind to two separate target proteins, locking all four in a complex and blocking the targets' action.

"But we needed proof of principle," says Jayanta Chatterjee, Associate Professor in the Molecular Biophysics Unit (MBU), IISc, and the lead author of the study. The team decided to test their hypothesis by using one of the miniproteins called SIH-5 to target the interaction between the Spike (S) protein of SARS-CoV-2 and ACE2 protein in human cells.

The S protein is a trimer -- a complex of three identical polypeptides. Each polypeptide contains a Receptor Binding Domain (RBD) that binds



to the ACE2 receptor on the host cell surface. This interaction facilitates viral entry into the cell.

The SIH-5 miniprotein was designed to block the binding of the RBD to human ACE2. When a SIH-5 dimer encounters an S protein, one of its faces is bound tightly to one of the three RBDs on the S protein trimer, and the other face bound to an RBD

from a different S protein.

This 'cross-linking' allowed the miniprotein to block both S proteins at the same time. "Several monomers can block their targets," says Chatterjee. "(But) cross-linking of S proteins blocks their action many times more effectively. This is called the avidity effect."

Under cryo-EM, the S proteins targeted by SIH-5 appeared to be attached head-to-head. "We expected to see a complex of one spike trimer with SIH-5 peptides. But I saw a structure that was much more elongated," says Somnath Dutta, Assistant Professor at MBU and one of the corresponding authors.

Dutta and the others realised that the spike proteins were being forced to form dimers and clumped into complexes with the miniprotein. This type of clumping can simultaneously inactivate multiple spike proteins of the same virus and even multiple virus particles. "I have worked with antibodies raised against the spike

protein before and observed them under a cryo-EM. But they never created dimers of the spikes," says Dutta.

The miniprotein was also found to be thermostable -- it can be stored for months at room temperature without deteriorating.

The next step was to ask if SIH-5 would be useful for preventing Covid-19 infection. To answer this, the team first tested the miniprotein for toxicity in mammalian cells in the lab and found it to be safe. Next, in experiments carried out in the lab of Raghavan Varadarajan, Professor at MBU, hamsters were dosed with the miniprotein, followed by exposure to SARS-CoV-2. These animals showed no weight loss and had greatly decreased viral load as well as much less cell damage in the lungs, compared to hamsters exposed only to the virus.

The researchers believe that with minor modifications and peptide engineering, this lab-made miniprotein could inhibit other protein-protein interactions as well. — IANS



LISTEN TO THE YOUNG

This is the only way to reduce pandemic-related harms to children

As the covid-19 pandemic extends into a third year, experts have gained a much better understanding of its consequences for the health and development of children and adolescents.

They range from learning loss to mental health issues to housing and food insecurity to contracting the virus itself.

We are a law professor who focuses on children's rights and well-being and a practicing family physician who researches adolescent health. We and other researchers have found that over the past two years, governments have missed opportunities to better understand and address what young people have been going through as they navigate the pandemic.

A better understanding of the pandemic's effects on young people is essential to developing policy responses that can address the breadth of harms children and adolescents are experiencing.

The pandemic's impacts on children

Research has found that, on average, students fell behind by about five months in mathematics and four months in reading during the 2020-2021 school year compared with students before the pandemic. Many students lost the equivalent of half a year or more of learning, with students in low-income being hit hardest. This learning loss puts many students at risk of not finishing high school, and it jeopardizes their chances of attending college, all of which has adverse consequences for lifetime earning potential.

The pandemic has also adversely affected children's mental health. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention found that 37% of high schoolers in the US reported poor mental health and 44% reported that they "persistently felt sad or hopeless" during the pandemic. Other research, including a recent surgeon general's advisory on young people's mental health, has found higher rates of depression, anxiety, loneliness and other social-emotional issues among children since the pandemic.

Basic needs including food and housing have also been put at risk by the pandemic. Job losses, disruptions in school-based meal programs and other adverse impacts on families led to an increase in the number of families experiencing food insecurity, putting children at risk of being unable to get adequate nutrition for healthy



development.

In addition, millions of children and their families have experienced housing insecurity.

Finally, we know that many children have contracted Covid-19 – more than 13 million by official counts – though research suggests the numbers are much higher.

Children should be seen and heard

Policymakers frequently dismiss young people as too immature to participate in the "serious business" of policymaking. This attitude has persisted during the pandemic: Young people have seldom been consulted on public health policy changes that affect them directly, from schools to transportation to public parks.

For example, most decisions regarding moves to virtual schooling and back to in-person learning were made without input from children – the very population most affected by these decisions.

This failure to engage young people stems largely from the conventional view that children and adolescents are "becomings," not "beings" – that is, because they are developing, they lack maturity to make important decisions and thus should be "seen and not heard."

However, we have learned through our own research and engagement with young people – as well as through other youth participation projects and reports – that this mindset is outdated and fails to recognize the knowledge young people's lived experience offers. In our research and partnering with youths, we have found consistently that involving young people at all stages – from identifying issues to designing and implementing projects to developing policy recommendations – improves outcomes.

Why consulting with children matters

The United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child recognises that young people have a right to be heard and to participate in decisions that affect their lives.

Research shows that while young people may not want the burden of making the final decision, they do want a say in what happens in their lives and their communities.

Research has found that listening to and engaging young people helps adults better understand the challenges children face. Giving young people meaningful opportunities to participate in decisions that affect their lives can lead to important insights about

whether particular options will be effective and can help identify more promising solutions.

In addition, experience shows that involving youths in the development of policies and programs increases the likelihood of better buy-in from young people on the final decisions. In turn, buy-in helps improve outcomes.

For example, while children may not be experts on education theory, they are the only ones alive today who have ever navigated school during a global pandemic. Their lived experience offers expertise that can help inform and improve policies and outcomes.

Moreover, involving young people now will help them develop the skills they need to prepare for adulthood.

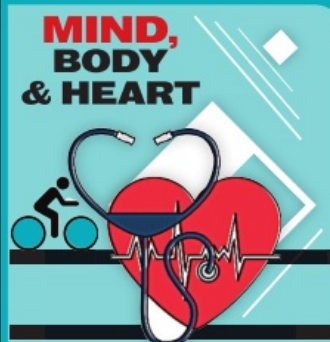
Listen, involve and create pathways

Our work suggests that there are various ways adults can partner with children on creating policies and programs during this pandemic, as well as in future public health crises. A few of these include:

- Parents, teachers, school administrators and community leaders can simply listen more often to children. This may best be done by "meeting them where they are," which can include paying attention to what youths express on social media to connecting with them through text messages or asking them more often how they are doing. Adults can ask them what they're concerned about or what they want to see happen, or create supportive in-person and virtual groups.
- Adults can actively involve young people in what is happening in their communities and engage them in responses to the pandemic in age-appropriate ways. There are good examples of children having an impact during the pandemic. With ideas originating from youths themselves, young people have taken on leadership roles in their communities, leveraging their skills to do everything from producing mask extenders for health care workers to starting a food delivery business to aid elderly community members.
- Schools, communities and policymakers can create permanent pathways for young people to participate in developing and implementing policies – and don't have to wait for a pandemic to do it.

All three examples – from regular, informal check-ins with youths to official youth commissions – can enable policymakers, parents, teachers and other adults to learn from young people and partner with them to develop more effective responses to the pandemic or any other issue.

(By Tammy Chang, University of Michigan and Jonathan Todres, Georgia State University, The Conversation)



All problems solved

Dear Coleen

My wife and I are friends with a couple who are neighbours. We've always got on really well, going out for drinks and getting our families together for barbecues and parties. The other night we were at a house party, the drink was flowing and everyone was on good form. This couple were there, too, and the wife pulled me up to dance. When we were dancing, she whispered that her husband was going abroad with work soon and that I should come over on my own. I know she was a bit drunk, but now I don't know what to do. Should I tell my wife or just leave it and hope she's embarrassed and it just goes away? This woman is very sexy and good fun, but I've never considered cheating on my wife.

COLEEN SAYS

I think I'd say to my partner, "Guess what? I got an indecent proposal the other night", because she's not a good friend actually and she's demonstrated a lack of respect for your wife, your marriage and also for her own husband. I also think you should bring it up with the woman – tell her you're very flattered, but would never cheat on your wife. Shut it down and don't give her any room to think you might be up for it. She might be mortified if she'd had too much to drink, but I'd still make it clear how you feel. Even if you don't fancy someone or you haven't thought of them in that way before, if you know they fancy you, it changes the dynamic. Don't put yourself in a risky position if you value your marriage. Of course, if you tell your wife, she might feel very differently about this woman and won't want to socialise with this couple any more, and I think that's fair enough.

—Coleen Nolan, Daily Mirror

$$4^{12} + 4^{12} + 4^{12} = ?$$

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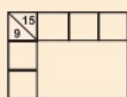
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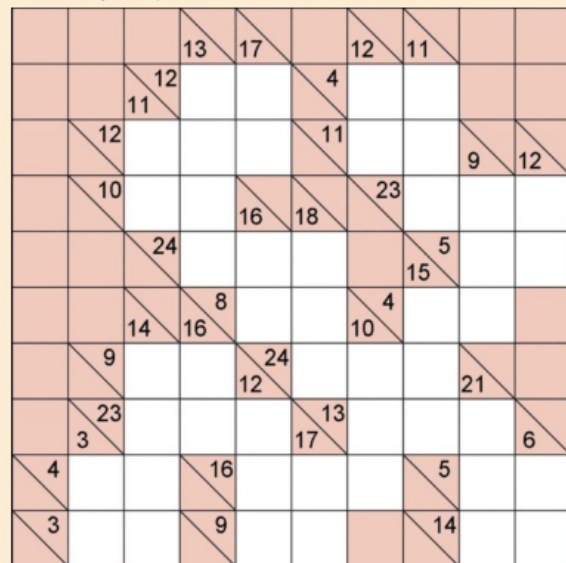
Kakuro

The numbers in the grey squares refer to the sums of the digits that you must fill into the empty spaces directly below or to the right of the grey square containing the number. For instance, in the given example, the 3 boxes horizontally next to 15 must contain 3 digits that add up to 15, whereas

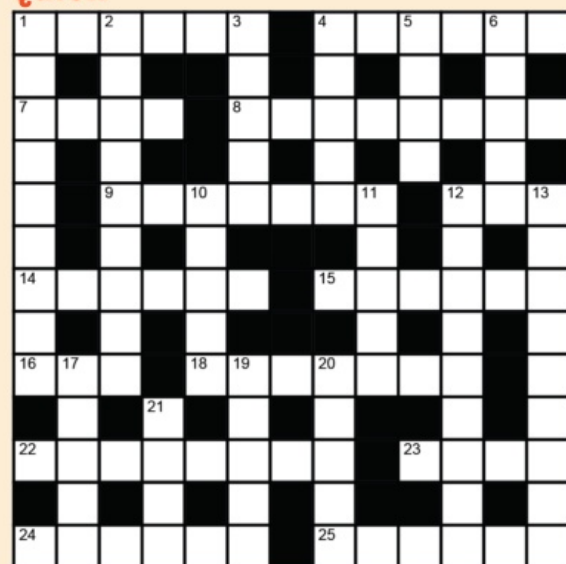


for 9, it is the 2 boxes placed vertically under it that must add up to 9. No zeros are used here, only the digits 1 through 9.

Note: A digit cannot appear more than once in any particular digit combination. For instance, in the example, we cannot have the combination of 4+7+4 for 15.



Quick



ACROSS

- 1 Large lizard (6)
- 4 Flee from (6)
- 7 Thrash or flog (4)
- 8 Surpassing in execution or performance (8)
- 9 Market near Brigade Road (7)
- 12 Tunisian ruler (3)
- 14 Eminently superior in manner? (6)
- 15 Military decorations (6)
- 16 Not easily explained (3)
- 18 Mollified (7)
- 22 Cricket great Sunil ____ (8)
- 23 A binding agreement (4)
- 24 Long loose dress (6)
- 25 Consternation (6)

DOWN

- 1 An intricate plot? (9)
- 2 Same, unmodified (9)
- 3 By oneself (5)
- 4 A movie super (5)
- 5 Certain cut of meat (4)
- 6 Trump's VP (5)
- 10 Light wood (5)
- 11 Impoverished (5)
- 12 Meeting office (9)
- 13 The day before this (9)
- 17 Serious play (5)
- 19 Compare (5)
- 20 Bitter to taste (5)
- 21 Role in a play or movie (4)

Quoteuncode

This puzzle is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that Q equals C, it will equal C throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

Today's CLUE: F EQUALS G
LNTDF TQ H ORHDMRY KUH
ACNY TYHFTDTDF



Linemaro

You have this awesome save-the-world vibe to you



Mindchow

Take no revenge that you have not pondered beneath a starry sky, or on a canyon overlook, or to the lapping of waves and the mewing of a distant gull



Joke of the day

Film insult: And your cry-baby whiny-assed opinion would be...?

Loop

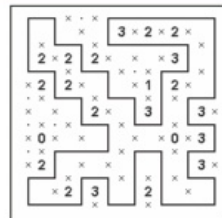
Rules

» Connect adjacent dots with vertical or horizontal lines, creating a single loop (Fig A). » Crossovers or branches are not allowed (As shown by dotted lines in Fig B). » Numbers in the puzzle indicate the number of lines that should surround it, while empty cells may be surrounded by any number of lines. » You can't draw lines around zeros. » Each puzzle has just one unique solution.

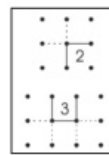
How to begin:

Example (Fig A) - Begin with the zero next to 3. Since no lines can be drawn around zero, mark crosses around it, as shown. Now there is a cross in one space around 3. So we know the three lines of 3 can only be drawn in the remaining three spaces. Next, these lines can only be extended in one direction each. Continue, using the same logic.

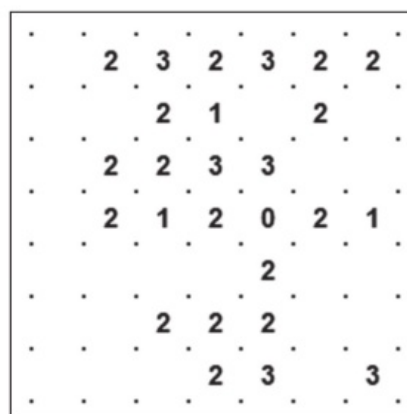
Hints: Keep eliminating possibilities by marking crosses in spaces between dots where a line isn't possible, i.e., if you have already completed required lines or where a line extension may create a branch or cause a dead-end (Fig B)



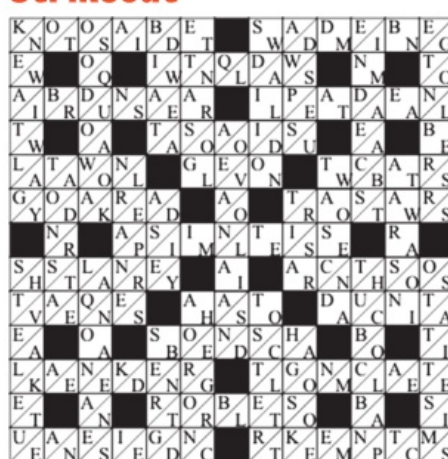
(Fig A)



(Fig B) Not Allowed



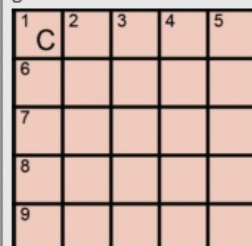
Strikeout



This crossword has no clues and the answer is there waiting for you. All you have to do is find it in each square. You have a choice of two letters, one of which you must strike out. If you choose correctly, you will be left with a grid that contains real words.

Fast five

How long do you think it will take you to unscramble the ten words shown below and fit them correctly into the grid in the order given one letter has already been entered to get you started? on your marks, get set...



ACROSS

- 1 Acerb; 6 Uli Co;
- 7 Six ma; 8 Do ere;
- 9 Smite

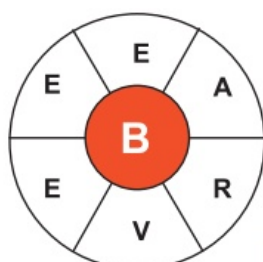
DOWN

- 1 Comte; 2 I a car;
- 3 Ox Bum; 4 Li Dee;
- 5 Sires

Mensapuzzle

What comes next in the series?

16 72 38 94 50 -



Bull's eye

How many words of four or more letters can you make from the letters shown? Every word must contain the central letter. There should be one seven-letter word. British English Dictionary is used as a reference.

04 Average; 05 Good; 06 Outstanding

SudokuChallenge



To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every digit from one to nine must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the nine boxes.

Gofigure

Place the four numbers in the first, third, fifth, and seventh boxes and whatever operators you care to use in the second, fourth, and sixth boxes in the correct order to get the answer. Use the numbers only once.



Easy

1 5 7 9 = 12

Medium

5 5 6 8 = 11

Hard

2 5 5 4 = 6

Hocusfocus



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Tie is missing. 2. Word on box is different. 3. Finger is moved. 4. Pencil in box is wider. 5. Wall is moved. 6. Chart on wall is moved.

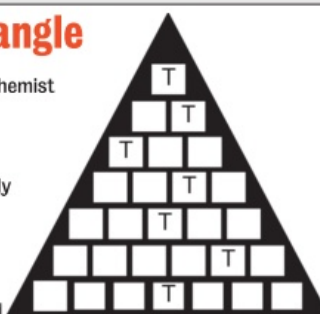
Riddler

You are given pairs of words, and your goal is to find a third word that is connected or associated with both of these two words. For example Piano and Lock. The answer is KEY. The word key is connected with both the word piano and the word lock: there are KEYS on a piano and you use a KEY to lock doors. Key is what is called a homograph: a word that has more than one meaning but is always spelled the same. 1. Ship — Card 2. Tree — Car 3. School — Eye 4. Pillow — Court 5. River — Money

Alpha triangle

- 1 Tonne, abbr.
- 2 Astatine for the chemist
- 3 Black substance
- 4 Evaluate
- 5 Misanthrope
- 6 Enthusiastic
- 7 Terrestrial, worldly

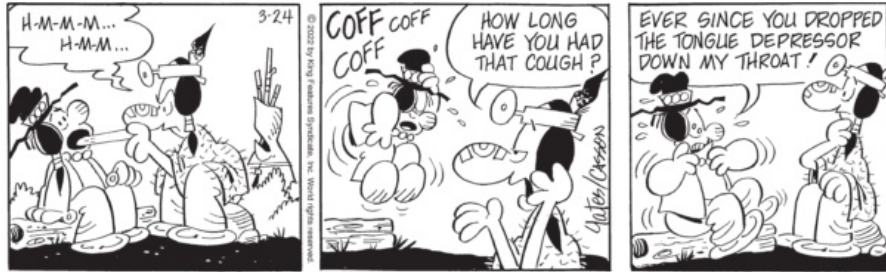
Beginning at the top move towards the bottom seven-letter word by adding a letter at each step and rearranging. A correct and different word must be



made at each step answering to the clue given.

DIFFICULT TO SOLVE? FIND THESE SOLUTIONS ON THE NEXT PAGE

COMICS



Bizarrotrip



Diamond Lil



Hart of the city



Crankshaft



Mutts



WHAT YOUR STARS SAY TODAY

Aries Mar 21 - Apr 20

Today, you may feel dissatisfied; you may not be able to fulfill your responsibilities. Your investments may give losses. You are advised to read documents carefully before signing. Parent's health may make you upset. You may plan to reconstruct your office; it is advised to postpone renovation for some days.



Leo Jul 24 - Aug 23

Today, you may be happy and blessed by the moon; you may feel healthy, which may reflect in your way of working. You may perform well in all areas of life which may improve your prestige. Your concentration may be very good today; you may take some difficult decisions in your business in terms of growth.



Sagittarius Nov 23 - Dec 22

Today, you may feel some positive vibrations around you, which may show you the right path; with the help of peace in your mind, your performance on every front may be noticeable. Your destiny is with you. You may plan to visit religious place which is somehow far from your territory. Your inner sense may ask you to do some charity. You may also hear some good news in terms of a grandchild.



Taurus Apr 21 - May 20

Today, you may plan to migrate from current place to another place. It is advised to think twice before taking decisions regarding migration or change of place. You may also plan to change your job. There will be peace in mind. But your kids' health might make you upset. It is advised to avoid speculation in investments. Lovebirds must be patient before taking an important decision in terms of marriage.



Virgo Aug 24 - Sep 23

Today, your vital power may slow you down; your old disease may reappear which may make you upset. You are advised to avoid adventure tours or rash driving. You are advised to avoid any type of litigations; you may settle it out of court. You may also plan for an overseas tour.



Capricorn Dec 23 - Jan 20

Today you may feel some internal weakness. Some major health issues may reoccur. You may not be able to enjoy life on the domestic and professional front. Ongoing projects may stop unexpectedly; it may make you upset. You are advised to drive safely. Elder's blessing may help you to come out from the messy situation.



Gemini May 21 - Jun 21

Today, you may be patient. Meditation may help you to improve concentration which may help to speed up your project. Your subordinates may cooperate with you; it may help you to complete the project before time. You are likely to go on short trips related to work. An influential person may help you to boost your network.



Libra Sep 24 - Oct 22

Today, you may start your day with happiness. At work, you may take quick decisions, which may increase your management skills which may give benefits in near future. You may expect some new source of income, which may boost your savings. With the help of your business partner, you may invest some amount in the business. Your bonding with the spouse may be increased which may result in harmony in domestic life.



Aquarius Jan 21 - Feb 19

Today you may feel positive vibrations around you. Things will be under control. You may plan to start a new business in a partnership. You may expect some long-distance travel also. You will improve your faith with your spouse which will bring harmony in your domestic life.



Cancer Jun 22 - July 23

Today, you may be busy with family get-togethers and social events; you may become polite with the people around you, which may increase your prestige among them. You may spend money in buying some artefacts or household stuff which may improve your social status. You are likely to hear some good news from one of your relatives.



Scorpio Oct 23 - Nov 22

Today, you may be busy in your office. Due to mental fatigue, you may not be able to give time to your family. With the help of elder's blessings, job-seekers may get some high position in the job; managers may get promoted to top management. You may get rewards which may increase your status. Professionally, you may do better.



Pisces Feb 20 - Mar 20

Today is a good day for you; investors may get good gains for their investments; it may boost your financial health. Money which was stuck, may be recovered; it may increase liquidity in the business. You may become confident and control hidden enemies and opponents. Singles will find their match in the same field or workplace.



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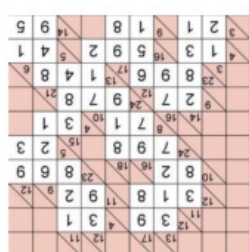
Aishwarya S Pai, 9 Years, Mother Theresa Public School



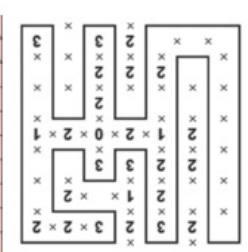
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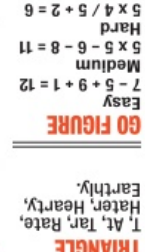
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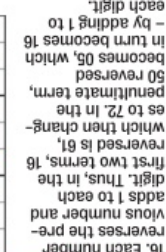
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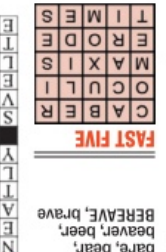
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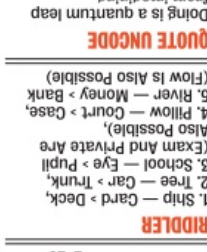
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Threats or not, Salman keeps busy

After anonymous threat note lands at Salman's door, actor is off for next schedule of home production

On Sunday, Salman Khan's father Salim Khan received an anonymous letter that had a death threat for the father son duo. Salman who returned from Abu Dhabi yesterday, was spotted returning to his Bandra residence, Galaxy Apartments, on Monday afternoon. ETimes has learnt that Salman is likely to fly to Hyderabad for the next schedule of his home production Kabhi Eid Kabhi Diwali.

A source informs, "Salman and the entire team will be flying to Hyderabad today for a 25-day schedule of Kabhi Eid Kabhi Diwali. Thereafter, Salman will return and join the Tiger 3 schedule in Mumbai."

The security of the

actor has been beefed up. Following the incident, an FIR was registered by Mumbai Police and a team of officers landed at the actor's home to carry out probe. Led by Joint Commissioner of Police Vishwas Nangare Patil and other officers, the team queried the Khan family on the letter threatening to do a 'Moosewala' with the celeb father-son duo.

Salman has not let the threats affect his work, though the actor is stressed about the developments. Just yesterday, he attended a grand event held for Anant Ambani's fiancée Radhika Merchant's Arangetram that was graced by the who's who of Bollywood. —ETimes



Parineeti on the 'side effects' of scuba diving

Actor Parineeti Chopra has been living her best life on an island in Indonesia and her pictures are a testimony to that! Parineeti recently shared a bunch of pictures from her recent trip looking mesmerizing.

Chopra, who is a certified Scuba diving instructor often enjoys her vacations by the ocean. On her Indonesian adventure trip this time, she was accompanied by her younger brother and a bunch of friends.

Giving her fans a glimpse of the vacation, Parineeti shared a picture on social media and wrote, "You can convince me to stay on the boat ONLY to take a picture. Otherwiseeeee (swimming and fish emojis)." The 'Sandeep Aur Pinky Faraar' actor has also shared some videos and photos of the scenic beauty there.

Previously, Parineeti had also posted a string of pictures with her brother



and friends in scuba diving costumes.

However, her fans were concerned when they came across a video shared by the actor herself where she is showing bruise marks on her legs. Parineeti, in the video, mentioned how scuba diving in the ocean can sometimes take a toll on the body, making legs bruised.

On the work front, Chopra will next be seen in Sooraj Barjatya's 'Unchai'.

—ANI

Plea for CBI probe into KK death

A division bench of the Calcutta High Court on Monday admitted a PIL, demanding a CBI probe into the death of playback singer KK.

Advocate Rabishankar Chattopadhyay had appealed to the Calcutta High Court, demanding CBI probe in KK's death. On Monday afternoon, the division bench of the High Court comprising Chief Justice Prakash Srivastava and Justice Rajarshi Bharadwaj admitted the PIL.

In his appeal, petitioner Rabishankar Chattopadhyay argued that there was utter mismanagement at Nazrul Manch on that unfortunate evening and the negligence on part of the local administration was

one of the reasons behind the chaos. Hence, the finer points of negligence behind the mismanagement need to be identified and for that a CBI probe is necessary, the PIL argued.

On May 31, KK died in Kolkata after performing at the annual college fest of Gurudas College at Nazrul Manch in South Kolkata. There were allegations of mismanagement at the venue during the event where more than double the seating capacity of the auditorium had entered. In fact, during his performance, KK had complained about uneasiness a number of times.

It is learnt that due to overcrowding, the ACs at the auditorium lost desired cooling effect.

—IANS



Kangana on 'curated negativity'

Actress Kangana Ranaut has come out to defend her film 'Dhaakad' after it tanked at the box office. Taking to her Instagram stories, the actress shared a post which called her the 'box office queen of India'.

Alongside the post, she commented: "2019 I gave 'Manikarnika' 160 cr ka superhit hit, 2020 was covid year. 2021 I gave the biggest film of my career 'Thalaivi' which came on OTT and was a huge success. "I see a lot of negativity but 2022 is the year of blockbuster - lock up hosting. And it's not over yet... I have great hopes with it."

Kangana has started working on 'Emergency'. She will also be seen in 'Tejas' portraying the role of an Air Force pilot. She also has 'Sita: The Incarnation' and 'Manikarnika Returns: The legend of Didda'.

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